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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE BREAKTHROUGH IN CACM LOGJAM IN OFFING?

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- 1. WELL-PLACED NEW SOURCE IN NICARAGUAN CENTRAL BANK INFORMED EMBOFF MAY 25 THAT REGIONAL MINISTERS OF ECONOMY, WHO ATTENDING IDB MEETING IN GUATEMALA LATER THIS MONTH, WILL HAVE SEPARATE MEETING THERE THIS WEEKEND TO DISCUSS "SECRET" SALVADORAN-HONDURAN PROPOSAL TO BREAK CURRENT IMPASSE IN CENTRAL AMERICAN COMMON MARKET (CACM) DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION.
- 2. SOURCE INDICATED THAT THE JOINT PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PASSED TO PRESIDENTS OF OTHER CA REPUBLICS, WHO IN TURN HAD DIRECTED THEIR ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL ADVISERS TO GIVE ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO HONDURAN-SALVADORAN "TREATY" PROPOSAL.

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- 3. SOURCE DID NOT GO INTO DETAILS OF PROPOSAL BUT SAID THAT IT WOULD SUPPLEMENT EXISTING CACM TREATY AND OPEN WAY FOR FURTHER PROGRESS IN REGIONAL ECONOMIC INTEGRATION. SOURCE IS OPTIMISTIC THAT HONDURAN-SALVADORAN PROPOSAL WILL BE ACCEPTED BY OTHER NATIONS OF REGION, INCLUDING NICARAGUA.
- 4. COMMENT: EMBOFF DID NOT WISH TO REVEAL THAT HE WAS AWARE OF SUCH

A PROPOSAL; AN EARLIER, SO-CALLED ROSENTHAL INITIATIVE IN THIS REGARD (REFTEL) HAD BEEN CLOSELY HELD, ESPECIALLY INSOFAR AS NICARAGUAN GOVERNMENT WAS CONCERNED. WE ARE NOT IN POSITION TO JUDGE WHETHER THE PROPOSAL WHICH OUR SOURCE MENTIONED IS A REVIVAL OF ROSENTHAL PLAN OR IS A NEW INITIATIVE. INASMUCH AS WE WERE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT ROSENTHAL INITIATIVE WAS MORIBUND (PER REFTEL) AND SINCE WE HAVE NOT HEARD OF ANY NEW MOVES TO BREAK SALVADORAN-HONDURAN IMPASSE, WE WERE SURPRISED TO HEAR OF PURPORTED "SECRET" MEETING IN GUATEMALA. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, BE PLEASED TO HEAR WHETHER OUR INFO CORRECT AND WHAT DEVELOPS FROM SUCH A MEETINGM THEBERGE

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